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European Commission Approves Regulation to Reduce Salmonella in Breeding Chickens

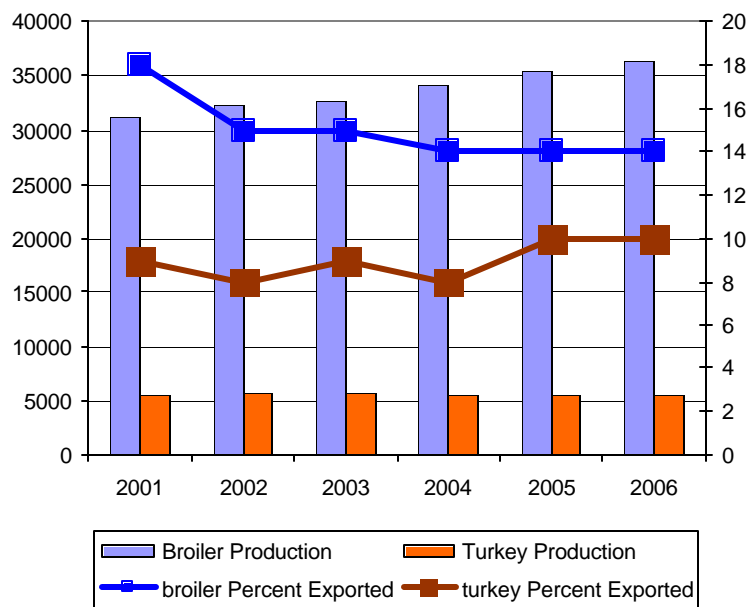
The European Commission's Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health (SCFCAH) approved a proposal for a Commission Regulation implementing Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the control of salmonella and other specified food-borne zoonotic agents.

The regulation targets the reduction of the level of the five most common salmonella serotypes in breeding flocks of chickens and sets a target of no more than 1 percent of positive cases in breeding flocks of 250 birds or more by December 31, 2009. The Regulation allows only two uses of microbials: to rebuild a new flock from the hatching eggs of an infected flock, and to treat birds showing clinical signs of salmonellosis.

The regulation also restricts the use of live vaccines to control salmonella in flocks. Vaccines should only be used if there is an effective detection method to distinguish between salmonella from vaccines and wild type strains of salmonella. This new Regulation has yet to be published in the Official Journal and it is therefore hard to estimate at this point what impact this will have. The text upon which the SCFCAH reached an agreement does not contain specific requirements for imports from third countries, but we expect that further steps will be taken to address this. When the standards of this Regulation are to apply on imports, it will possibly put extra expenses on U.S. exporters of hatching eggs.

Source: USDA/FAS, Official Journal of the European Union, EC Health and Consumer Protection Directorate-General, news media

U.S. Poultry Production and Exports



Production in metric tons; Exports as a percent of production

Source: USDA/ERS World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates

Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development

Thirty OECD member countries met with Brazil, China, India and South Africa for a high-level meeting of the OECD Committee for Agriculture in Paris from 14 -15 June, and called for rapid progress in the multilateral trade negotiations. The meeting underlined the need for agriculture policy reform in order to fulfil the development dimension of the ongoing WTO negotiations. To this end, the participants stressed the need for enhanced market access and reduced trade distortions due to export competition measures and non-tariff barriers. In order for developing countries to fully benefit from agricultural trade liberalization, well targeted technical assistance would be required, according to the participants. The meeting also called for national and multilateral assistance mechanisms to compensate potential losers and ensure that all nations profit from the global welfare gains brought about by the liberalization process.

Source: BRIDGES Weekly Trade News Digest - Vol. 9, Number 22

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Broiler exports in April totaled 470 million pounds, up 46 percent from last year. The broiler export increase during the first 4 months of 2005 (up 24 percent) is due in large part to the elimination of avian influenza-based restrictions on broiler shipments like those that held down trade in the first half of 2004. Exports to Russia in the first 4 months of 2005 totaled 426 million pounds, up 4 percent from the same period in 2004. Exports to the Ukraine totaled 54 million pounds, up 184 percent. Shipments to the Hong Kong/China market were up by 70 percent.

Turkey exports in the first 4 months of 2005 totaled 175 million pounds, up 65 percent from last year. Over the first 4 months of 2005, shipments to Mexico totaled 113 million pounds, an 81-percent increase from the same period in 2004. Overall turkey exports in 2005 are expected to total 526 million pounds, 19 percent higher than in 2004.

Source: USDA/ERS

World Poultry Meat Projections

	OECD		Non-OECD	
	2004	2014	2004	2014
Production, '000 MT	35,457	41,678	37,205	48,559
Per Cap Consumption	24.2	28.7	6.9	7.9
Per capita consumption in kg retail weight				

World poultry meat production gains are expected to grow at a slower pace, with most of the increase in the developing countries. Brazil is expected to remain the largest exporter of poultry meat and Thailand should remain an important net exporter, barring further problems with AI. Projected growth in Brazil and China are expected to account for 33 percent and 10 percent, respectively, of the increase in global meat production to 2014.

Source: OECD - FAO Agricultural Outlook: 2005-2014.

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending June 25, 2005		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004 /2	2003
Liquid	0	310	6,495	5,773
Frozen	0	0	21	11
Dried	0	48	207	386
Total	0	358	6,723	6,170

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending June 25, 2005		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004 /2	2003
Liquid	35	212	2,601	3,182
Frozen	40	3	413	953
Dried	0	84	345	1,487
Total	75	299	3,359	5,622

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending June 25, 2005			Year-To-Date	
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004 /2	2003
Jumbo	0	30	67	207
Extra Large	5,760	7,320	43,460	56,636
Large	3,810	21,370	79,444	128,129
Medium	0	2,100	40,710	43,854
Ungraded	0	7,380	59,654	161,994
Misc	0	0	5,053	13,670
Total	9,570	38,200	228,388	404,490

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 25-JUN-05**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,658	1,572	3,230
Last Week	1,569	1,462	3,031
Same week yr ago	1,456	1,449	2,905
To-date/2005	38,864	34,521	73,385
To-date/2004	33,245	32,412	65,657

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	148	0	148
Last Week	227	7	234
Same week yr ago	253	0	253
To-date/2005	6,929	33	6,962
To-date/2004	6,230	71	6,301

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,806	1,572	3,378
Last Week	1,796	1,469	3,265
Same week yr ago	1,709	1,449	3,158
To-date/2005	45,793	34,554	80,347
To-date/2004	39,475	32,483	71,958

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED		PRICES		VOLUME	

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	26.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		26.00		

15-20%				
RANGE	23.00-29.00	15.00-24.00	1,096,800	122,400
WTD AVERAGE	27.33	19.98		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED		PRICES		VOLUME	

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.50	21.50-26.00	548,000	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.50	22.60		

15-20%				
RANGE	21.75-27.00	17.00-22.00	1,968,000	1,248,000
WTD AVERAGE	23.27	18.53		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00-19.00	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 01 JULY, 2005.

The market tone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to fully steady, frozen tom breast meat steady, destrapped tenderloins steady with increased confidence noted, bresat trim steady to firm, scapula steady to barely steady, fresh wing meat with skin steady at best and frozen wing meat with skin barely steady to weak. Demand on breast trim, fresh tom breast meat, and frozen destrapped tenderloins moderate to good; scapula light; fresh wing meat with skin light to moderate; frozen wing meat extremely light to light. Offerings of breast trim and fresh tom breast meat light at best, frozen tom breast meat light and held with confidence, frozen destrapped tenderloins light to adequate and better balanced, scapula adequate to fully adequate, frozen wing meat with skin adequate to burdensome. Trading active on fresh tom breast meat, balance slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh wing meat with skin 74-78, fresh scapula 103-108, plant grade non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts 135 and 16-18 lb. breasts 145 cents delivered. For export: livers 26 delivered august shipments, tom necks 36, mixed machine defatted hand cut gizzards 39 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, JUL 01, 2005**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00		50.00	80	49.86	448
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	25.75	240	25.76	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	31.00	208	31.00	208
TAILS		W	23.00	40	23.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	31.00		31.00	40	29.75	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	83.00		83.00	40	82.53	636

THURSDAY, JUN 30, 2005**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	49.00		49.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	25.75	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00		31.00	208
TAILS		W	23.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		M	29.33	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.00-85.00		82.82	316

WEDNESDAY, JUN 29, 2005**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00		50.00	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	25.75	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	23.00		23.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		M	29.33	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	83.00		83.00	80

TUESDAY, JUN 28, 2005**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	49.00		49.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	25.75	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	32.00	208
TAILS		T	25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		M	29.33	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	82.00		82.00	40

MONDAY, JUN 27, 2005**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-52.00		51.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.50-26.00		25.75	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	32.00	208
TAILS		T	25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	28.00-32.00		29.33	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.00-83.00		81.75	160

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.